



THE

Spotlight

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Pat Newell
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Gary Vaughn
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Phillip Bunting

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Jackie Whitfield
Vivian Taylor
John O'Ferrell
Jack Hobbs
John Holt
Lony Pike

Hulda Marshall
Edward Harris
Frances Gardner
Fannie Adams
Sybil Crenshaw
Paul Causey
Jack H. Lott
Robert Ingle
Frances Wynn
Dini Gull

Dudley Vernon
Gerald Brown
Hazel Shelton
Wayne Gibson
Lennet Quiver
Leon Jordan
Gerry Pegg

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Ken Person

Winburn Lowdermilk
Cecil Eaton
Jury Holder
Ruth Elliott

June Dowd
Mary White Heath
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J.W. Ray
Dan Matthews

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Leon Townson
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Richard Johnson
Peggy Peoples

Richard Harris

Lucia Calahan Smith

Shanna Dan
Hector King

Keitha Dill Thompson

Weldon Brewer

Carolyn Supter Jenkins
Arnold White

Carolyn Heath

James Moore
James Eller

I have enjoyed every minute of my
class life with you. Love & Bless

I have enjoyed my classes under you and have
learned more under you than any other teacher. I thank you

Love Dick Weimer

Judy Donnell

I have enjoyed being in your English class.

Buddy

I've really enjoyed being in
one of your classes
this year. Lots of luck
in the future. Linda McIntyre
(3rd period)

It's been a pleasure to
be taught by you this
year. Roger Jones

I'll miss you as
a homeroom teacher
next year.

Philly

When you get married
and have twins, don't
call on me for
safety pins. I
have enjoyed being
in your English
class this year.
Best of luck in
the future.

Edna Paisley

I have enjoyed
your class this
year. Best of luck.

Best of Luck, Love,

To an attractive
and sweet teacher.

I have enjoyed
being in your English
class and Study Hall.

Love Ya!
Carolyn K.

I've really enjoyed having
such a sweet and considerate
teacher as you. Stay sweet
and just be yourself.

Love, Tricilla

Miss Hemphill
I think you are
the best teacher
I have had. You
are very understanding
and helpful.

Ralph Lewis

Thank you for
everything you
have done for me.
I sure enjoyed
being one of your
students.

Ed Harris

You really
deserve this
dedication.
Thanks for all
the patience and
time you've given
me. I know I'll remem-
ber you always.
Vida Sparrow

To one of my very favorite
teachers. Good luck,

June Dowd

Thanks for everything +
the encouragement +
advice you have given
me.

Frances Gardner

Miss Hemphill,
I could never thank
you enough for all
you have done for me.
I hope you will always
have the best life has
to offer.

Love
Cathy Beach

Thank you for all
the help you have
given me. I have
enjoyed having you
as a teacher.

Rose Marie

Thank you for
everything you have
done for me.
I appreciate it
Jannie Adams

Thank you for
everything you have
done for me. There
will never be enough
words to tell you how
much I appreciate the
help you have given me.

Betty Newman

Miss Hemphill, I want
to thank you from the
bottom of my heart for
everything you have done
for me. I want to wish
you the best of everything
that life can offer you
you certainly deserve it.
"God Bless You"

Oct Lopez

Miss Hemphill,
I have enjoyed
being in your homeroom
and English class. Thank
you for all you have
done for me. Congratulations
for being chosen and
given the honor and
dedication of this
best teacher!
I wish
you
all
the
best!

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To one of my
best teachers.
David Newell

The 1956

Miss Hemphill.

I have enjoyed being
in your junior class
very much.

I wish you were
teaching Senior English.
I would enjoy having
your class again.

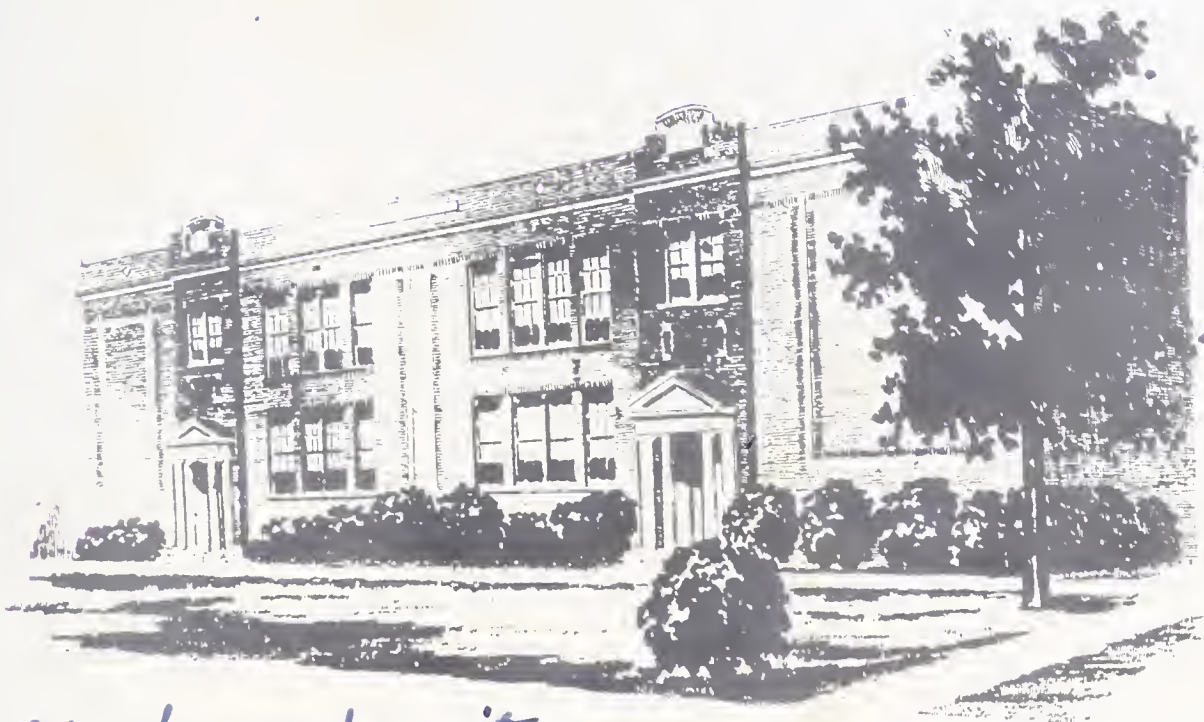
Ronald
Burton

Spotlight

To one of My
favorite teachers and
I hope Good Luck
Albert Tuttle

Miss Hemphill,

I have enjoyed working ^{with} you
this year. You're a wonderful
person and have meant a great
deal to me. I'll always think
of you as a lasting friend.
I only regret I could
not have had
you as a teacher.
I hope I can be
the kind of teacher
and advisor you
are. But I'll still



To one of my favorite
teachers. Thanks for
taking so many pains
with me. The best of
luck to you in future
years.
Benny Taylor

Miss Hemphill,
you have meant
a lot to me. I shall
never forget it. You are
one of my favorite teachers.
Carol L. Lumberg

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Greensboro
North Carolina

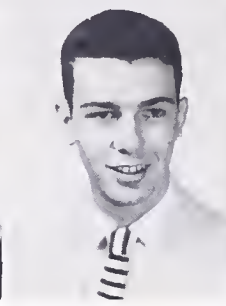
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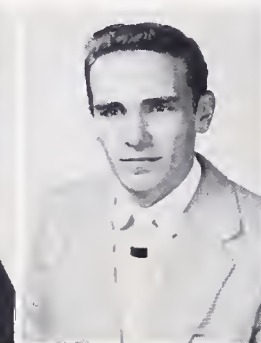


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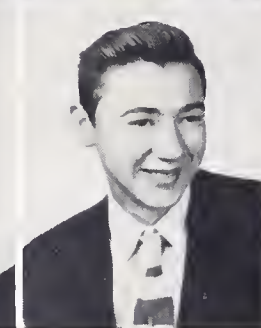


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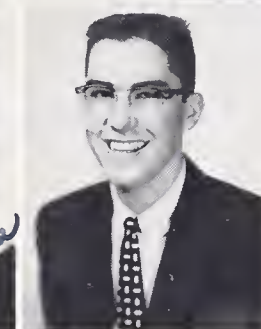
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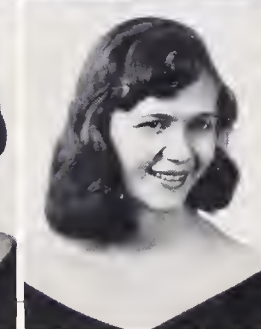
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Dedication



For her willingness to listen and counsel at all times, for showing a personal interest in the students' welfare and progress, and for just being her kind and cheerful self, we, the Senior Class of 1956, in deep gratitude and appreciation, dedicate our 1956 Spotlight to—

MISS EMMA HEMPHILL.

In Honor of



MR. CHARLES C. WIMBISH

We, the Senior Class of 1956, wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Charles C. Wimbish who, in so many ways, has contributed to his alma mater.

He has always given his financial support as well as time and effort in helping to carry out many of the projects that the school has undertaken. To you, Mr. Wimbish, we say, "Thank You."

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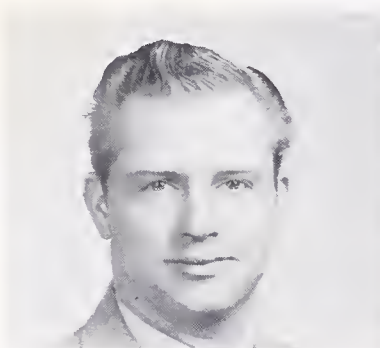
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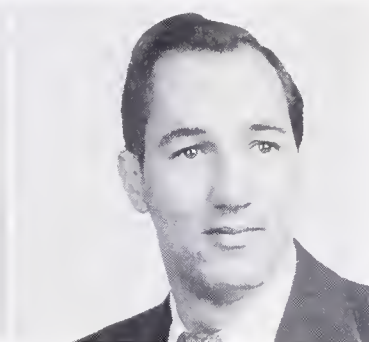
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MRS. MABEL PONZER, 5th Grade; PATRICIA OBSORNE, 2nd Grade.



Seniors



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

LEFT TO RIGHT:

WINBURN LOWDERMILK.....	President
JUNE DOWD.....	Secretary
BARBARA RAYLE.....	Treasurer
RICHARD TURNER.....	Vice-President

Seniors

FANNIE LEE ADAMS
Glee Club 1.

MARY JO ALLEN

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; F. H. A. Secretary 2; Parliamentarian 3;
F.T.A. 2,3,4; Song Leader 2; President 3,4; Latin Club 1,
2, Secretary 1, Vice-President 2; Newspaper Staff 4; Dra-
matics Club 3,4, Secretary 3,4; Beta Club 3,4, Secretary
4; Junior Marshal 3; Homecoming Attendant 2,4; Popular-
ity Queen 2,3; Class Treasurer 1; "Best Personality."

CHARLES ANDREWS

Latin Club 2, 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Homeroom Treasurer 2;
Newspaper Staff 4; Editor 4; Key Club 4, Secretary 4;
"Most Dependable."

BOBBY BROWN

B Mans Club 3, 4; D. E. Club 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Guil-
ford All-Star 4; Baseball 4; Bus Driver 3,4; "Laziest."



LARRY BURTON

Glee Club 1,2,3; Audio Visual Club 1; Basketball Mana-
ger 4; Baseball Manager 4; "Biggest Liar."

JANE CARR

F.H.A. Club 1,2; Latin Club 1,2,3.



PAUL CAUSEY

Football 3,4; Guilford County All-Star 4; B Mans Club 3,
4; Track 3,4; Class Prophet; "Biggest Apple Polisher."

COY CRAWFORD

Audio Visual Club 1,2,3; D. E. Club 4, President 4; Bus
Driver 3,4.

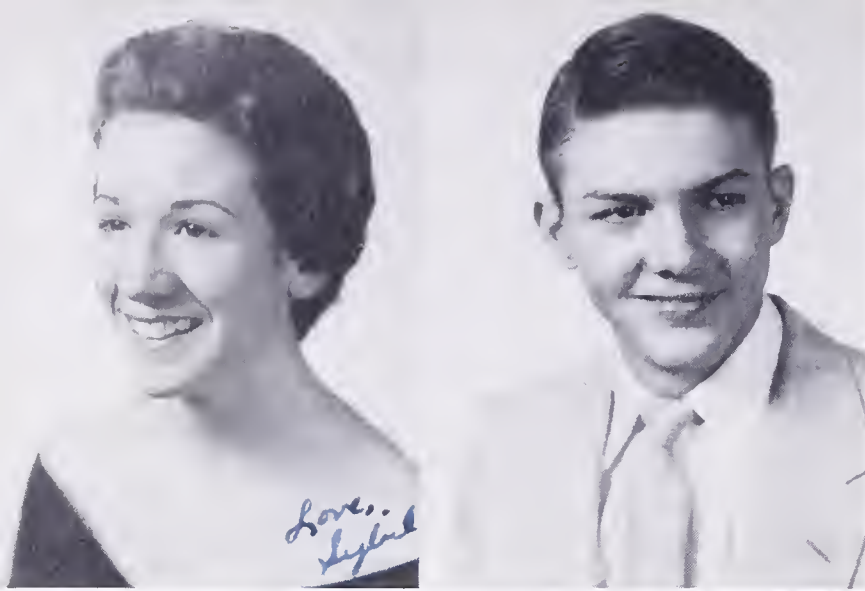
Seniors

SYBIL CRENSHAW

Cheerleader 1,2,3,4, Chief 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4, Co-Captain 4; Softball 1,2; Monogram Club 2,3,4, Secretary 2, Reporter 4; Dramatics Club 3,4, Vice-President 4; French Club 2; F.H.A. 2,3,4, Vice-President 2, President 3; Glee Club 2, Vice-President 2; Homeroom President 1; Homeroom Vice-President 2; Junior Class President 4; Homeroom Treasurer 4; Girls' State 3; "Most Athletic."

CECIL DEATON

Latin Club 2,3; Audio Visual 2,3.



JUNE DOWD

F.H.A. 1,2; French Club 2; Beta Club 3,4; Annual Staff 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Senior Class Secretary 4; "Biggest Baby."

RUTH ELLIOTT

Glee Club 1,2; Music Award 2; F.H.A. 1,2; Homeroom Officer 2; Annual Staff 4; Class Prophet; "Laziest."

FRANCES GARDNER

F.H.A. 1,2; Latin Club 1,2,3; "Most Conceited."

BARBARA GARNER

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; 4-H Club 1; F.T.A. 3,4; French Club 2; Softball 1; "Biggest Liar."

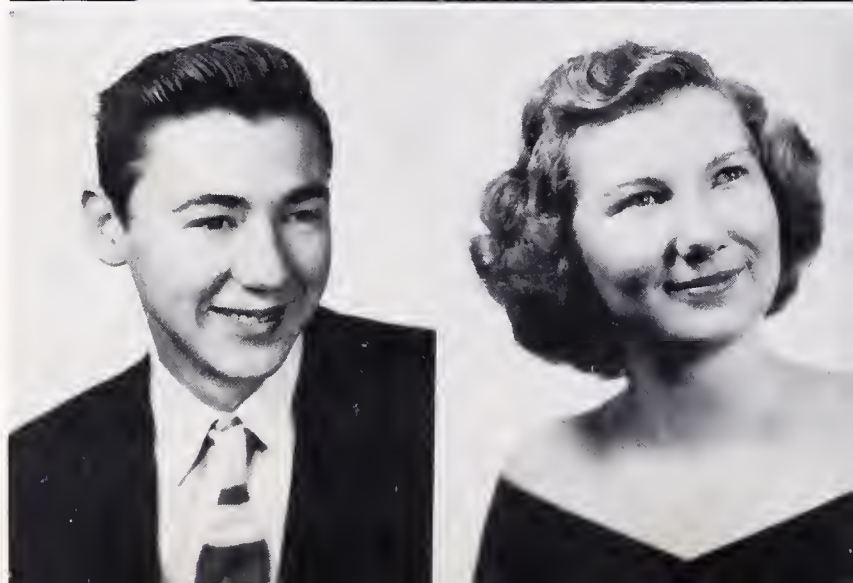


JACK GLASS

F.T.A. 3,4; Latin Club 3,4; B Mans Club 3,4; Dramatics Club 2,3,4, Vice-President 3; Football 2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Class Homeroom Officer 4; "Most Talented."

MARTHA HARNAGE

Glee Club 3; F. H. A. 1,2.



Seniors

EDWARD HARRIS
Bus Driver 3,4; Key Club 4.

RICHARD HARRIS



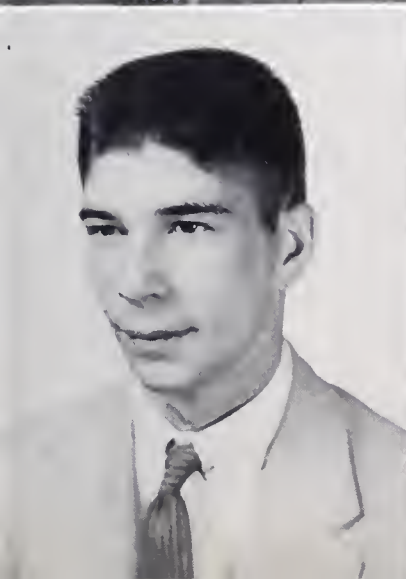
CAROLYN HEATH
Latin Club 1, 2; F.H.A. 1,2; Dramatics Club 3,4; Homecoming Attendant 3; "Most Original."

MARY WHITE HEATH
Beta Club 3, 4, Social Chairman 4; Dramatics Club 3,4, Advertising Manager 4; Latin Club 1,2, Treasurer 2; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4, Social Chairman 3, Vice-President 4; F.T.A. County Treasurer 4; F.H.A. 1,2,3, Reporter 4; Class Officer 1; Newspaper Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; "Most Likely To Succeed."



JACK HILL
Audio Visual Club 2,3; Photography Club 2,3; D. E. Club 4; "Quietest."

JACK HOBBS
Football 1, 2; Glee Club 2,3,4, Officer 4; D. E. Club 4, Vice-President 4; Homeroom Officer 2; Bus Driver 2,3; Basketball 1.



JERRY HOLDER
Audio Visual 2, 3; Photography Club 2, 3; D. E. Club 4; Annual Staff 4.

JOHN HOLT
F. F. A. 1; Audio Visual 2, 3; Photography Club 3; Latin Club 3; Annual Staff 4; "Best Dressed."

Seniors

ROBERT INGLE

4-H Club 1; Bus Driver 4; Annual Staff 4; "Most Original."

CAROLYN JENKINS

Beta Club 4; Dramatics Club 4; French Club 2; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, Treasurer 1; Newspaper Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; "Best Dressed."

RICHARD JOHNSON

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Captain 4; Guilford County All-Star 4; B Mans Club 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Key Club 4; Baseball 4; Dramatics 4; "Most Attractive."

KATHERINE LEONARD

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, Historian 3; Dramatics Club 3, 4; F.T.A. 3; Chief Junior Marshal 3; Basketball Manager 3; J.C.L. 1, 2, 3; Euterpe Symphonia 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Beta Club 3, 4, Historian 4; Class Testator; "Most Talented."

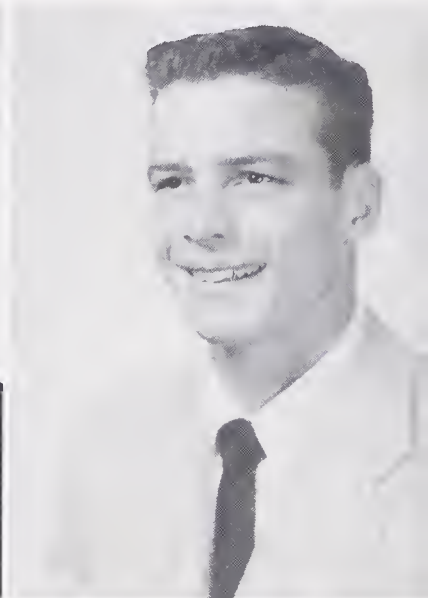
RALPH LEWIS
Bus Driver 4.

WINBURN LOWDERMILK

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; B Mans Club 2, 3, 4, President 4; Senior Class President 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Tri-Captain 4; Guilford County All-Star 4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball 2, 3; Baseball 2, 4; Dramatics 4; All-County Football 4; "Best All Round."

J. W. LOVINGS
D. E. Club 4; Glee Club 1, 2; "Wittiest."

SANDRA LYON
Homecoming Queen 4; F. H. A. 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; "Most Attractive."



Seniors

HULDA MARSHALL

French Club 2; D. E. Club 4; F.H.A. Club 1,2; 4-H Club 1,2.

LANNY MOORE

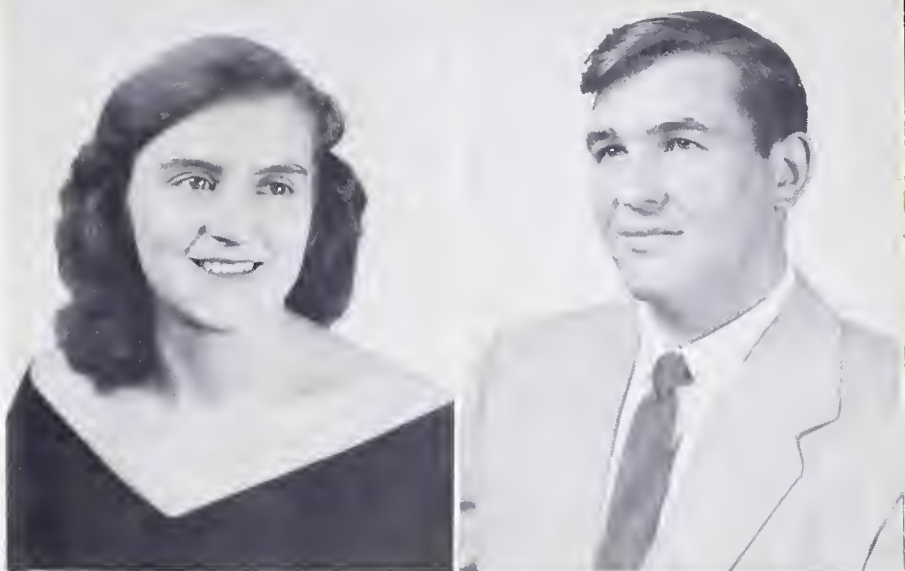
Key Club 4, Treasurer 4; B Mans Club 3,4; Homeroom Officer 4; Baseball 2,3,4; "Biggest Baby."

CAROLYN MYERS

F. H. A Club 1; Monogram Club 2; Basketball 1,2; D. E. Club 4, Secretary-Treasurer 4.

JOHANNA NAU

F. H. A. Club 1,2,3; French Club 2; Glee Club 2; Softball 1; Basketball 3.



PAT NEWELL

Alamance School 1, 2; High-C Club 1,2; Glee Club 1,2; Dramatics Club 3,4; F.T.A. 3,4; Beta Club 4; Annual Staff 4; Newspaper Staff 4; "Most Studious."

CAROLYN OAKES

F.H.A. Club 1,2,3; French Club 2; Annual Staff 4.

JOHN O'FERRELL

B Mans Club 3, 4; Latin Club 2,3,4, Treasurer 3; F.T.A. 3, 4; Audio Visual Club 3; Bus Driver 3,4; Football 2,3,4; Guilford County All-Star 4; Baseball 2,3,4; Class Treasurer 1; 4-H Club 1; Boy Scout 1,2,3.

JUDY PENNINGTON

Senior Scout 1,2; Beta Club 3,4, President 4; F.H.A. 2,3,4, Secretary 3, President 4; F. H. A. County Officer 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 2, 4, Secretary 3; Dramatics Club 4, Treasurer 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Homeroom Secretary 1; Homeroom Vice-President 2; Junior Marshal 3; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4, Co-Captain 4; Softball 1, 2; Editor "The Spotlight"; D. A. R. Award; "Best-All-Round."



Seniors



PEGGY PEOPLES

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 1; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Historian 3, President 4; Glee Club 1, 2; F. H. A. Club 1, 2, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, Treasurer 4; Dramatics Club 4, President 4; Annual Staff; Newspaper Staff; Junior Marshal; "Most Dependable."

KEN PERSON

Class Officer 1, 2, 4; Baseball 2; B Mans Club 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; D. E. Club 4; "Most Likely To Succeed."



LARRY PIKE

D. E. Club 4; Bus Driver 4.

BILL RAY

B Mans Club 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 4; "Most Conceited."

J. W. RAY

BARBARA RAYLE

F. H. A. Club 1, 2; French Club 2; Class Officer 4; "Wittiest."

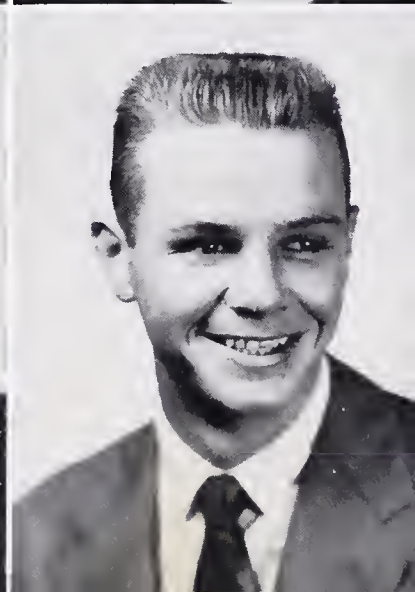


BETTY REECE

F. H. A. Club 1, 2, 3; French Club 2; Glee Club 4, Secretary-Treasurer 4; "Man Hater."

W. B. SIMPSON

Class Officer 2, 3; B Mans Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Tri-Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; All County Football 3, 4; All County Baseball 2, 3, 4; "Most Athletic."



Seniors

BERTHA CALAHAN SMITH

Cheerleader 3,4; Monogram Club 2,3,4; Historian 4; Softball 1; Glee Club 2,3,4; President 4; Annual Staff 4; F.H.A. Club 2; Dramatics Club 4; French Club 2; "Most Popular."

VIVIAN TAYLOR

F.T.A. 1; Beta Club 3,4; Newspaper Staff 4; Annual Staff; "Quietest."

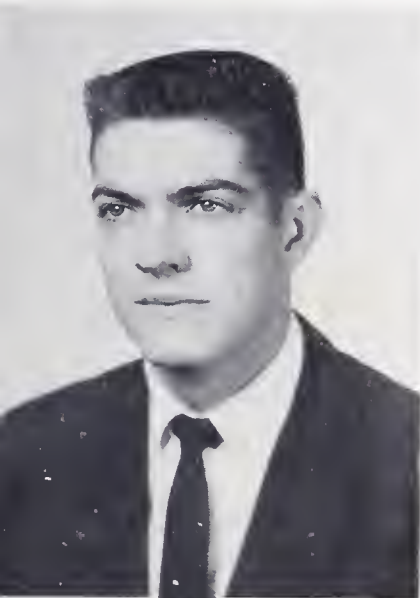


PEGGY THOMAS

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 3,4; Monogram Club 2,3,4; Secretary 4; F.T.A. 3,4; Treasurer 3,4; F.H.A. 2,3,4; Dramatics Club 3,4; Class Officer 1; Softball 1,2; French Club 2; Annual Staff 4; "Biggest Apple Polisher."

GAIL THOMPSON

Glee Club 3.



LEON TOWNSON

Photography Club 3; Latin Club 3,4; B Mans Club 3,4; Football 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; All County Football 4; "Most Popular."

DOUGLAS TROLLINGER

Football 1,2,3; All County Football 3; B Mans Club 2,3,4; Guilford County All Star 4.



RICHARD TURNER

B Mans Club 3,4; Secretary 4; Junior Class Officer 3; Senior Class Officer 4; Homeroom Officer 4; Key Club 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All County Basketball 3; Baseball 2,3,4; All County Baseball 3; "Best Personality."

GARY VAUGHN

Latin Club 3; Key Club 4; President 4; Beta Club 3,4; Vice-President 4; "Most Studious."

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ARNOLD WHITE
Glee Club 2,3.



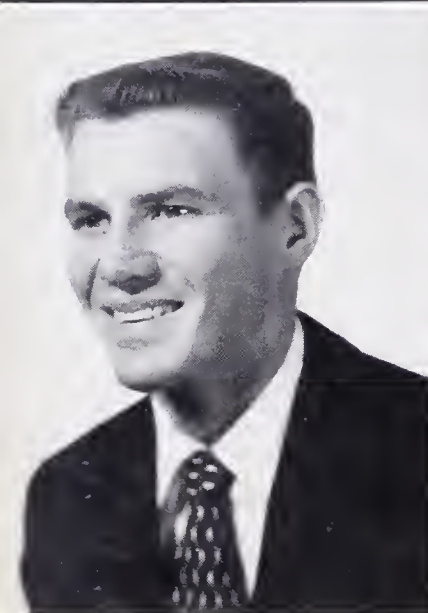
JACKIE WHITFIELD
F.H.A. Club 1,2; Latin Club 1,2; Softball 1,2.



JERRIE WOOTEN
4-H Club 1; F.H.A. Club 1,2; Glee Club 2,3,4, Officer
4; Dramatics Club 4.



FRANCES WYNN



DAVID YORK
Dramatics Club 4; B Mans Club 4; Football 4; Guilford
County All Star 4.

NOT PICTURED
Weldon Brewer
Dan Matthews

CLASS PRAYER

BY MARY WHITE HEATH

Our Father, Wha art in Heaven, we thank Thee for the knowl-
edge that Thy divine guidance will always be at our side far us to
rely upon. Thank Thee for a wonderful school career in which we
have praved to others and ourselves that we have the courage and
ability to conquer any problems that we may face in aur future. Help
us that we may be able ta tell the right from the wrong on the raad
that lies before us,

In Thy name we ask.

Amen



Valedictorian

KATHERINE LEONARD



Salutatorian

JUDY PENNINGTON



Mascots

TERESA PICKARD
TOMMY CLENDENIN

BESSEMER HIGH SCHOOL
City of Greensboro
County of Guilford

We, the Senior Class of 1956, being of sound mind, do hereby declare this to be our last Will and Testament; hereby rendering null and void any former will and bequest which may have been previously made.

ITEM I

To the faculty we leave our love and appreciation for the guidance and help they have given us in these four years.

ITEM II

To the Junior Class we leave the honorable and dignified title of "Senior," along with the privileges and responsibilities the name carries.

ITEM III

We give the Sophomores our good luck--it will lead you to success. Many places will have to be filled by you, so you may now step into the co-pilot's seat, the Junior Class.

ITEM IV

Freshmen, along with the right to become members of the Sophomore Class, we leave you our patience and courage, for the best is yet to come.

ITEM V

Individual Bequests and Bequeaths of a Lesser Nature:

- Richard Johnson leaves his dark good looks to "Punkin" Grubb.
- Carolyn Heath will be glad to leave her chemistry grades to anyone who wants them.
- Jack Glass leaves his "Man of the Year" title, awarded by the Paragon, to Jerry Leonard.
- Peggy Thomas leaves her shin splints to Carol O'Ferrell.
- Carolyn Oakes leaves all her left-over hair dye to Linda Hunt.
- Arnold White leaves his "lean and hungry look" to Shakespeare.
- To Clyde Simpson goes David York's ability to sleep straight through six periods.
- Frances Gardner wills her title "Most Conceited" to Rose Marie Carruthers.
- Barbara Garner leaves singing "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend."
- ✓ Fannie Adams leaves her sweet quiet ways to Judy Burke.
- Gene Kimel gets Jack Hobbs' dancing ability.
- Valeria Morgan is bequeathed June Dowd's book of practical jokes.
- ✓ Dan Matthews leaves his little smile to Donald Causey.
- Jerrie Wooten and Ralph Lewis leave to get married.
- ✓ Claude Swift leaves, this time for good.
- ✓ Jane Carr isn't leaving anything. She said she wanted to take it all with her.
- Winburn Lowdermilk isn't leaving anything either, so he's taking Sybil.
- ✓ Carolyn Jenkins leaves her fashion magazines to next year's "Best Dressed" Superlative.
- Carolyn Myers leaves her solitary ways to Janice Roach.
- Robert Ingle leaves his originality to Lawrence O'Ferrell.
- Kathi Leonard leaves her "sardonic" wit to Mr. Baxter.
- ✓ John Holt leaves his Ford to anyone who can handle it.
- ✓ Ken Person leaves his laugh to Larry Heath.
- Frances Wynn leaves a box of straws to the cafeteria.
- Paul Causey leaves his "State Voice" to Vida Sparrow.
- Hulda Marshall leaves her position at Kress' lunch counter to anyone who can "fill the order."

and Testament

- Jerry Holder leaves his mouth to the school in case the public address system goes on the blink.
Doug Lovings leaves his cue stick to Jerry Blake.
Lanny Moore leaves his title "Biggest Baby" to Joe Myers.
Phillip Bunting is the lucky recipient of Leon Townson's ability to get along with the girls.
Vivian Taylor wills her quietness and cultured voice to Kay Deaton.
Billy Ray vacates his place by the hall radiator with the stipulation that James Eller take over.
Peggy Peoples leaves her nickname, "Hippo," to Claudia Whitfield.
Johanna Nau leaves, and dares any girl to look at Ken.
Sandra Lyon leaves her diamond tiara to next year's homecoming queen.
Edward Harris leaves his "Flat-top" to Clyde Parr.
Mary White Heath leaves her ability to give good parties to Shirley Cleary.
Pat Newell leaves her walk to Sue Allen.
John O'Ferrell leaves his perfect attendance record to Dickie Wrenn.
✓ Judy Pennington leaves her diet to Ann Potts.
✓ Barbara Rayle leaves her legs to Barbara Hyatt.
Richard Turner bequeaths his "Best Personality" to Ronald Smith.
Larry Burton leaves his swithblade to Bobby Stone.
Charles Andrews leaves his "atomic brain" to Larry Huffling.
Bobby Brown leaves his position as guard on the football team to "Worm" Baity.
Jack Hill leaves his shoe horn to Wayne Wilson.
✓ Ruth Elliott leaves her fund of social information (gossip) to Nell Ray Love.
Sybil Crenshaw leaves her position on the cheerleading team to Tippa Phillips.
Bertha Calahan Smith leaves her up-turned nose to Sandra Causey.
Betty Reece leaves her airmail stamps to Judy Henderson.
✓ Coy Crawford leaves enough white paint to keep the '56 on the roof of the auditorium bright.
W. B. Simpson leaves his athletic ability to Dennis Strouth.
J. W. Ray leaves his deep, deep voice to Wayne Rayle.
✓ Gary Vaughn gives Weldon Laughlin his worn-out chewing gum.
Jackie Whitfield leaves her glasses to David Prevatte so that he'll have two pairs.
Weldon Brewer leaves his B-Man's cap to Jerry Ray.
Larry Pike leaves his school bus to Jerry Shoe.
Cecil Deaton leaves the rumble seat on his car to anyone who likes fresh air.

KATHERINE LEONARD
RICHARD TURNER

WITNESSES:

Mr. W. H. Cude
Miss Emma Hemphill
Judy Pennington
Peggy Peoples
Ken Person

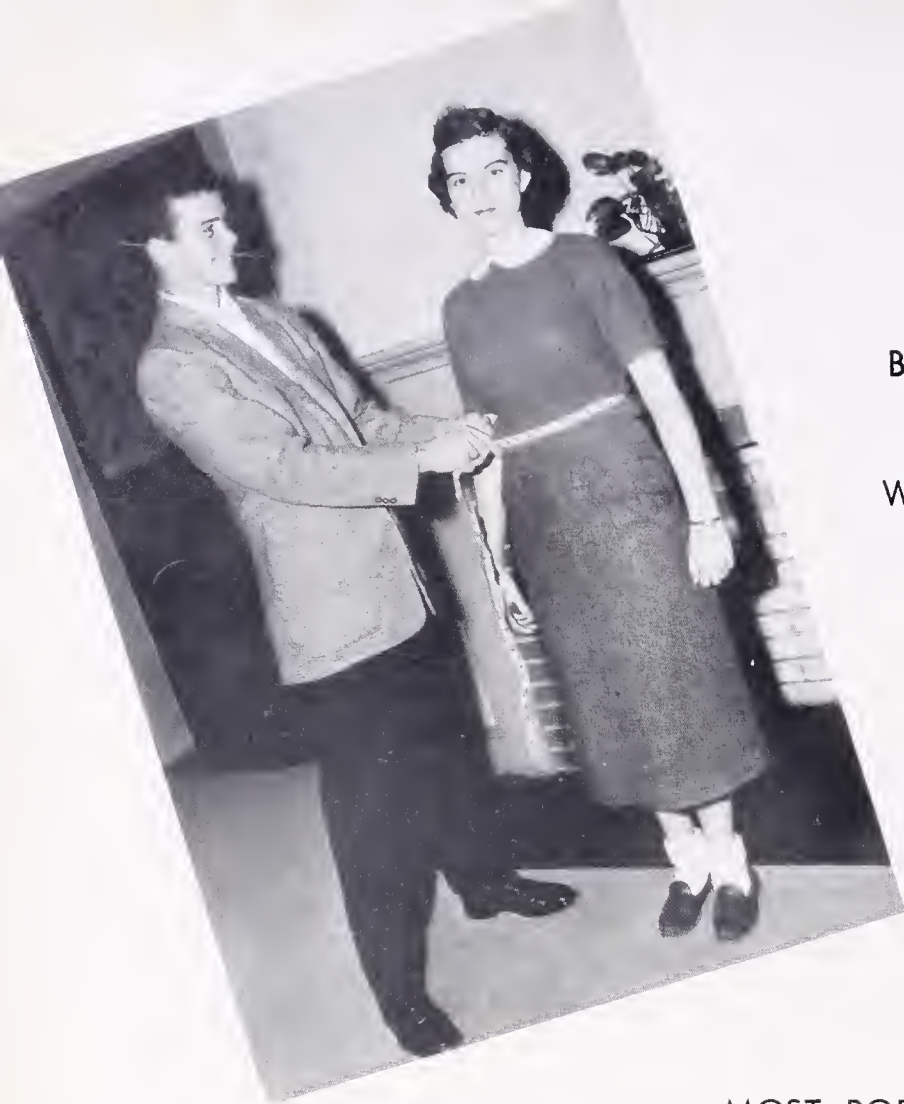
CLASS MOTTO

"It is easier to be wise for others than for ourselves."

CLASS COLORS
BLUE AND WHITE

CLASS FLOWER
WHITE CARNATION

1956 *Senior*



BEST ALL ROUND

Judy Pennington
Winburn Lowdermilk

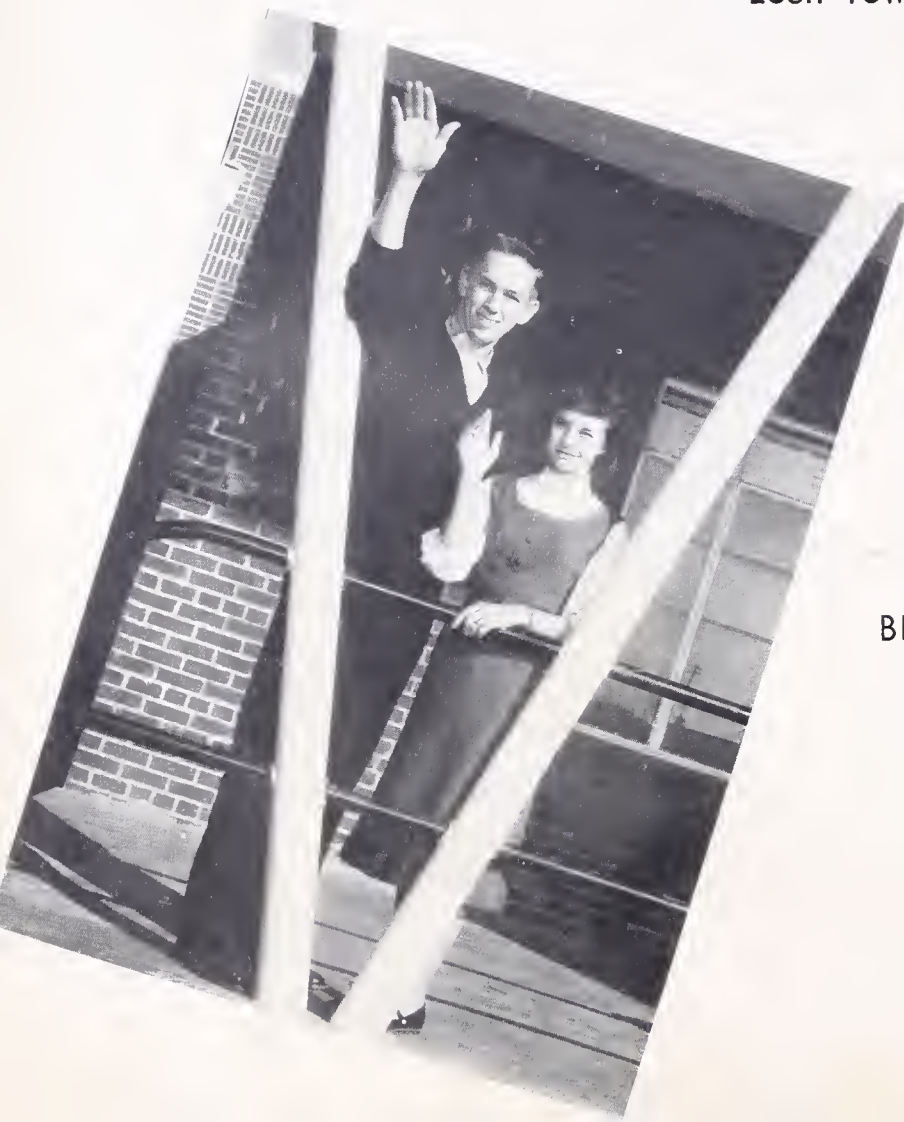
MOST POPULAR

Bertha C. Smith
Leon Townson



BEST PERSONALITY

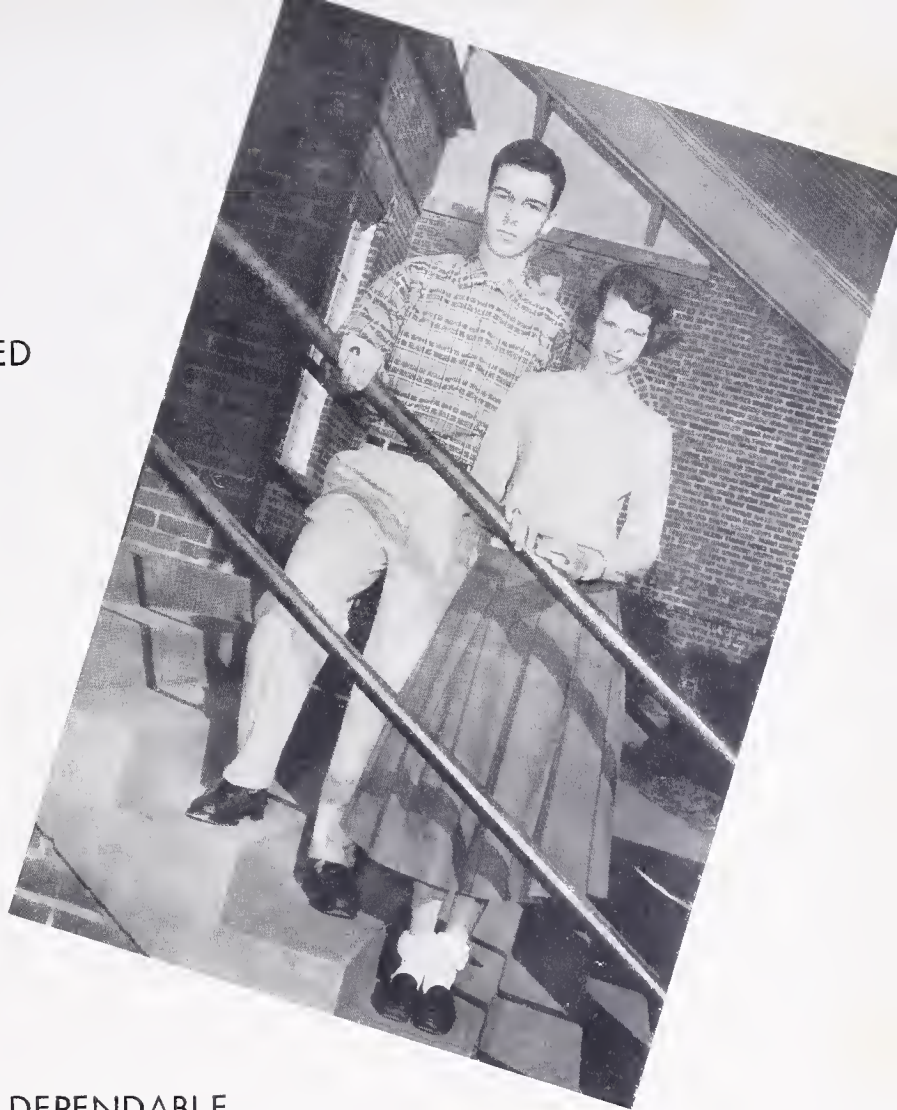
Mary Jo Allen
Richard Turner



Superlatives

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Mary White Heath
Ken Person



MOST DEPENDABLE

Peggy Peoples
Charles Andrews



MOST TALENTED

Kathi Leonard
Jack Glass



1956 Senior

MOST STUDIOUS

Pat Newell
Gary Vaughn



BEST DRESSED

Carolyn Jenkins
John Holt



MOST ATHLETIC

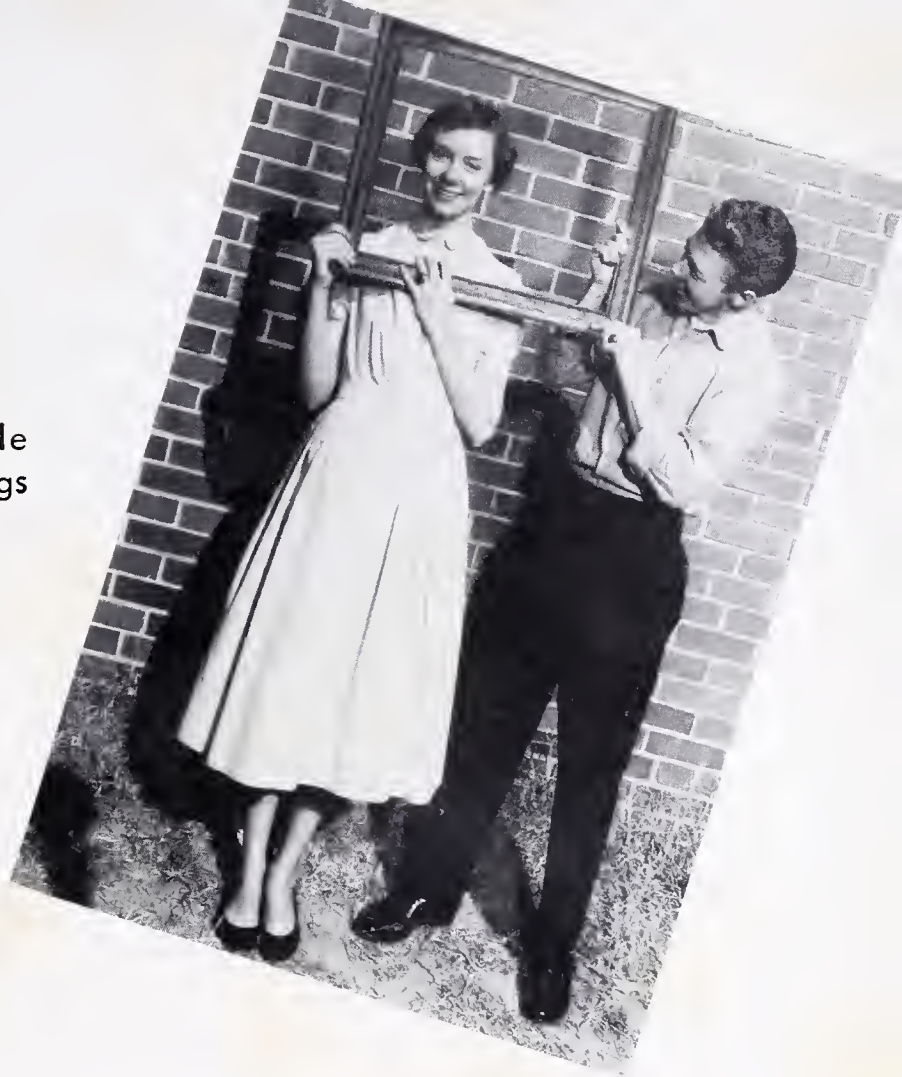
Sybil Crenshaw
W. B. Simpson



Superlatives

WITTIEST

Barbara Royle
Doug Lovings



BIGGEST APPLEPOLISHER

Peggy Thomas
Paul Causey



MOST ORIGINAL

Carolyn Heath
Robert Ingle



1956 Senior



QUIETEST

Vivian Taylor
Jack Hill



LAZIEST

Ruth Elliott
Bob Brown



MOST CONCEITED

Frances Gardner
Bill Ray

Superlatives

BIGGEST LIAR

Barbara Garner
Larry Burton



BIGGEST BABY

June Dowd
Lanny Moore



MAN AND WOMAN HATER

Betty Reece
Dan Matthews

1956 Senior Superlatives



MOST ATTRACTIVE

Sandra Lyon
Richard Johnson

SCHOOL SONG

Hail Bessemer High School
We lift our hearts to thee,
And may we always be
loyal to thee.
Though years may come and go,
Our hearts will ever flow
With pride and loyalty,
High school so dear.

Class History

BY MARY JO ALLEN and CHARLES ANDREWS

Probably the first great step in our lives was that of entering school. The first day in this strange new world is one that we shall never forget. Many of us were bewildered and afraid to open our mouths; however, it did not take us long to learn the ropes. We soon learned that good little girls and boys raised their hands when they wanted to speak and stood in a perfectly straight line when they went out to play. Thus, we stepped into an era of twelve years that had so much to do with the molding of our future lives.

The next few years were spent in getting the fundamentals of an education--reading, writing, and arithmetic. There were times of triumph and times of discouragement, times of joy, and times of sadness. We were gradually becoming more aware of the many problems that we were to be confronted with in life. Everything was not "just a bowl of cherries," but we were learning from the best teacher, experience.

Our school years were also filled with good times in the form of parties and trips. In the fifth grade we visited many places of interest around Greensboro including the museum and the Guilford Memorial Park.

One of the most interesting trips was made in the eighth grade to Durham and Raleigh. We left the school at 8:30 A. M. and returned at 10:00 P. M. This trip was very educational. We saw the gas chamber at the State Prison, Duke University at Durham, and the State Legislature in action in Raleigh.

Our first few days in high school were hectic ones. After wearily preparing our schedules, we had a difficult time following them. We often wound up in the room at the wrong time. Experience soon wiped away the confusion, and fell into the normal routine of high school.

It was during the ninth year that we took a trip to the Morehead Planetarium to see the Easter program. Everyone was deeply impressed by the beauty of the program and learned the true meaning of Easter.

Ah, the sophomore year--the year when we were not smart enough to know everything and dumb enough to think we did, but that is the way of sophomores, you know. It was then that we made the trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Now no one can dispute that when one becomes a Junior, he is really getting up in the world. It is during this year that you are prepared for your Senior year. Always number one on the Junior's activity list is the Junior-Senior Banquet. Our class was divided into committees; each had its own little chore, such as menu planning, decoration, and so forth. The theme of our banquet was "April Showers." It was held in the main dining room of Starmount County Club.

Again we chose to go to Myrtle Beach for a trip in our Junior year. Everything was fine except for one thing---sunburn! Several of our classmates suffered severe burns and were absent from school several days.

Well, we finally made our way to the last year when there's so much to do and so little time in which to do it. Our Thanksgiving Dance was a big success with the help of some of the underclassmen. This was not just a dance with music supplied by records. We had a real, honest-to-goodness band--Burt Massengale and his orchestra.

Then came College Day, the day all seniors and juniors who planned to go to college went to Senior High for conferences with college representatives concerning the requirements for entrance to institutions of higher learning.

Last, but not least, is the all-important trip to Washington--the trip everyone has waited for and dreamed about for twelve years. We plan to go in the latter part of March.

That brings us to the present. These last few days are precious. There will be others to take our places. We dislike the thought of leaving familiar faces and things, but each must go on his separate way to a new and interesting future. As we leave, we have all the wonderful memories of our days at Bessemer School.

Class Prophecy

BY RUTH ELLIOTT and PAUL CAUSEY

Paul called this afternoon and asked if he could come over and show me something very interesting. It was a new book hot off the press by Kathi Leonard, entitled "Who's Where," or "Where did my Classmates go?" As we turned to the first page we read that---

Lanny Moore, who loves the word "birds," now has a job at Kress' selling canaries.

Mary Jo Allen married her high school steady, settled down in Florida, and is raising several little "lemons."

Dan Matthews has bought a fifty-acre farm near Buffalo Creek. He is enjoying his finest year yet.

Hulda Marshall wasn't satisfied with nursing alone, so she made a slight change...she still wears white, but carries a butterfly net, and rides in a caged truck.

Winburn Lowdermilk has neither been seen nor heard of since he and his bride, Marilyn Monroe, left for Europe several years ago.

Goil Thompson and Martha Harnage are both married. They now run a nursery of their own.

Charles Andrews, who was editor of the "Boomerang" in high school, is now editor of the local paper, "The Greensboro Record."

Peggy Peoples and Peggy Thomas are now third grade teachers at Bessemer. Why do all the little boys object to being promoted to the fourth grade?

Bobby Brown and Doug Lovings are co-owners of an old hangout, "The Place Where Nice Fellows Meet."

Carolyn Jenkins' greatest desire has been fulfilled. She and John now have six kids.

John O'Ferrell, who loves red-heads, has perfected a sensational new red hair-dye. This is a large step toward his goal of making all girls red-heads.

Barbara Rayle and her jeweler husband own one of Africa's largest diamond mines. She has several specimens which she wears.

Jackie Glass has replaced Fred Astaire in the "World of Dancing." He has six schools of dance in North Carolina.

Douglas Trollinger still hasn't reconciled himself to the fact that he has graduated. Each day if you pass the school, you can see him sadly sitting on the steps of old B. H. S.

Leon Townson holds the title of "Mr. America." He just returned from the olympics and advised all young men to drink "Scott's Emulsion."

Arnold White is famous as a broker in the New York Exchange. He is now living off the welfare until he can get ahead.

Fannie Adams has just started a cruise to Africa as a missionary.

Cecil Deaton has just started his own florist shop in Sedalia. His favorite flower is the "Rose."

Carolyn Oakes has a job modeling bathing suits at Myrtle Beach.

Vivian Taylor has opened a day nursery in the Bessemer community. Several of her best customers are her former classmates.

Carolyn Myers, who always has a pleasing personality, is personnel manager at Woolworth's.

Richard Harris' charm has taken him to Hollywood. He is giving Edward G. Robinson a run for his money.

Jerry Holder and his fast Studebaker is hauling moonshine from North Wilkesboro to any destination.

Judy Pennington, who is happily married as Mrs. Ingold, is now running a small business school.

Coy Crawford, Jack Hill, and Jack Hobbs are co-owners of a local shoe store.

Jerry Wooten and Ralph Lewis were married before graduation, and for the past few years have been living in California.

Larry Pike and Robert Ingle are both doing well at their jobs of cleaning rooms for the prisoners at the County Farm.

Sybil Crenshaw is making a hit on Broadway with her acting ability. She has also made several television appearances.

Ken Person, who always had a strong voice, is giving his talents to WFMY-TV. He has a weekly show starting at 12:30 (A.M.)

June Dowd, who was the "Biggest Baby" in high school, is now modeling polka-dot diapers for a modern diaper firm.

J. W. Ray now has a good job at Cone Mills, Inc. His job consists of sweeping the floors and taking out trash.

Bill Ray has opened his own service station. He is trying to run his father out of business.

Pat Newell, who always had a fascination for books, is now head librarian at the Public Library.

Larry Burton is now in the boxing world. He is boxing oranges for a well-known firm in Florida.

Ruth Elliott has just revised her shorthand method. This new method is quicker and easier than ever before...if your boss is not young and handsome.

Jane Carr, Frances Gardner, and Jackie Whitfield are happily married, and are each raising a large family.

Weldon Brewer has started his own sheet-rock company. He is just getting the "hong" of it.

Bertha Smith is a "sweet little Mother" choosing after three "sweet little boys."

Richard Johnson, Paul Causey, and W. B. Simpson are now great grid-iron stars for a well-known professional team, The Red Skins.

Barbara Garner is still playing the field....to be exact, she is playing right field for the Yankees as the first woman in the majors.

Edward Harris liked driving the school bus so much that he got a job at Duke Power Company.

Frances Wynn got a raise at Edmonds Drug Store. She has decided to work there until she is married.

Gary Vaughn has just finished college so he plans to enter the teaching profession. He wants to be a Latin teacher.

Carolyn Heath, who was noted for her originality and had a love for color, now lives in an orange house, drives a purple car, and has dyed her hair green.

Kathi Leonard has just finished another Best Seller--"I Led Nine Lives." It tells of her life with all nine of her husbands.

Richard Turner has a share in McPherson's Grocery Store. He plans to stay there until he starts his own store.

Betty Reece lost weight after leaving high school. She is now making a fortune posing for the before and after reducing ads.

John Holt now has a television show. Of course, he is a comedian, and is still trying to get Mrs. Allen to laugh at his jokes.

Mary White Heath is the first woman ever to become a U. S. President. One of the first laws she attempted to pass was to export all men from the states.

David York has started his own meat market. His specialty is "Hog Chittlings."

Sondro Lyon, who is busy with her modeling career, writes a beauty column for her husband's daily newspaper which she titled "How to look like me."

Johanna Nau is now teaching Modern Art at Woman's College.

As we turned to the last page of this book, our curiosity had been satisfied. Now we knew that each of our classmates had fulfilled his ambition.



Underclassmen



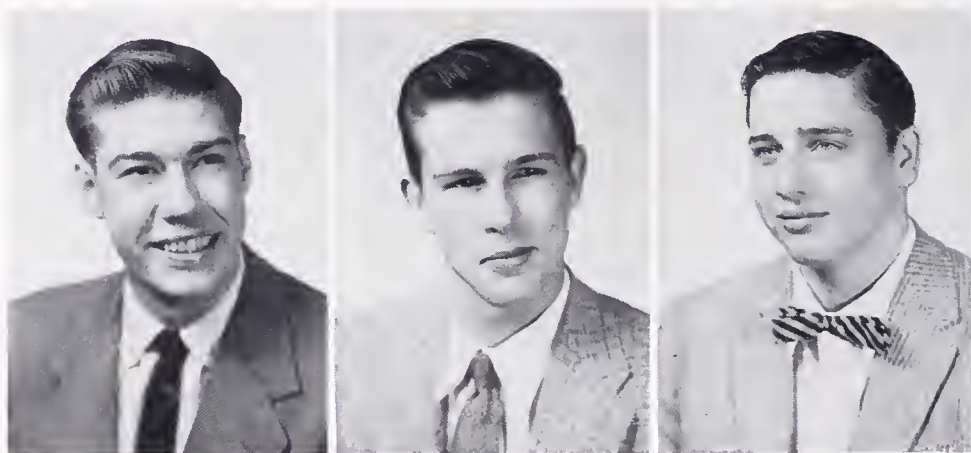
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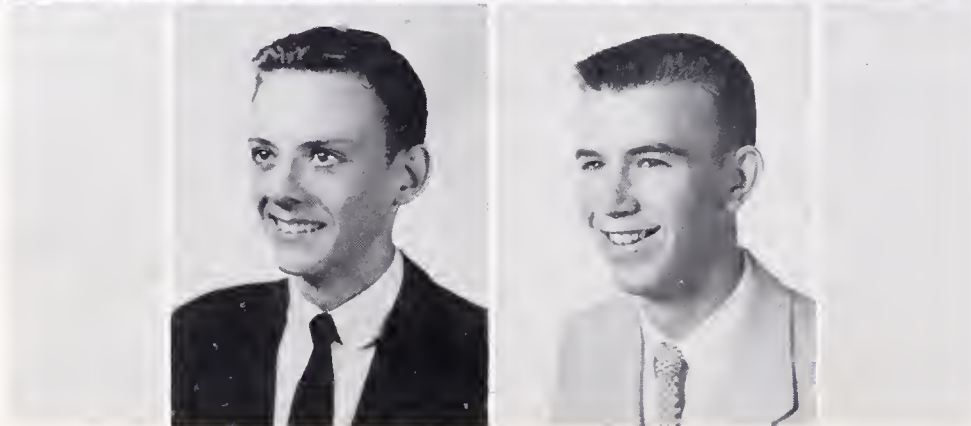
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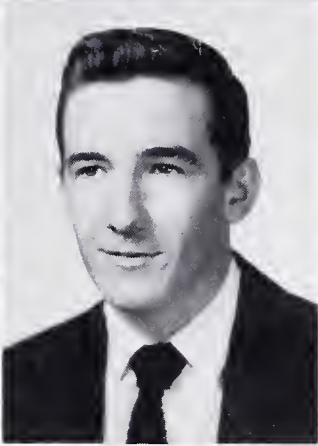
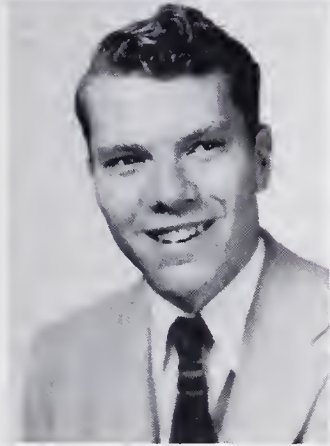
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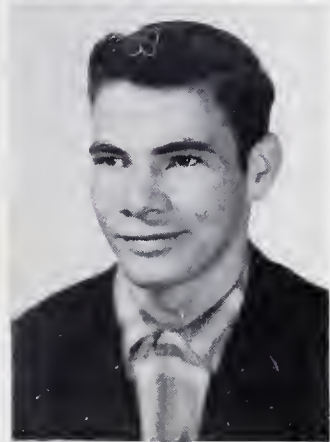
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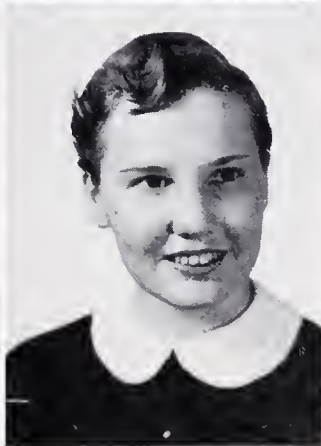
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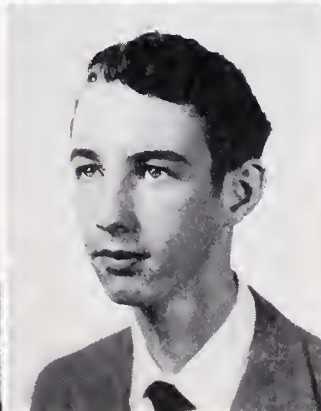
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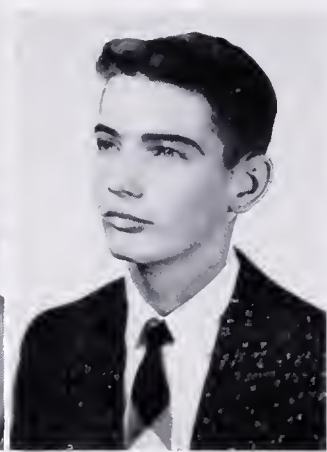
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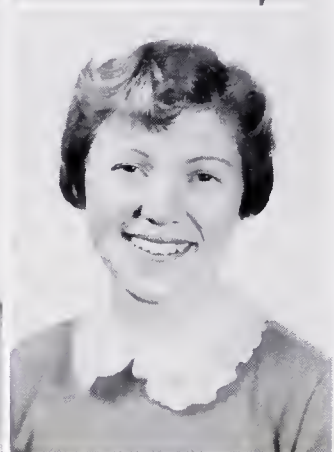
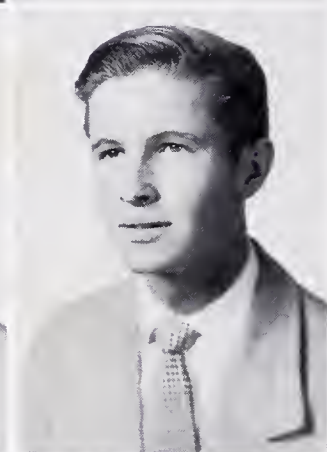
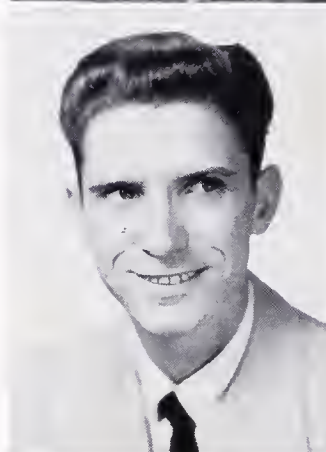
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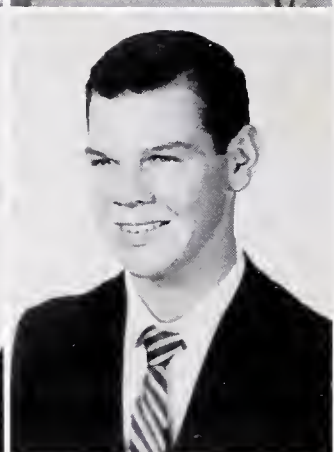
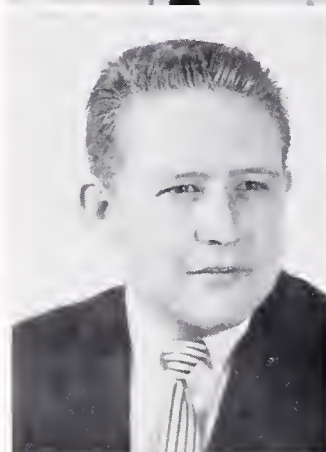
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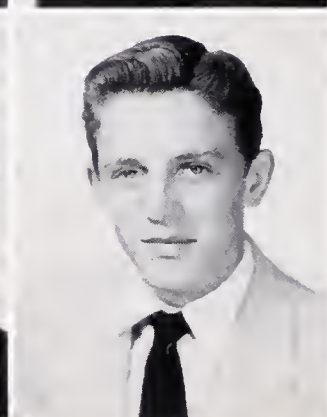
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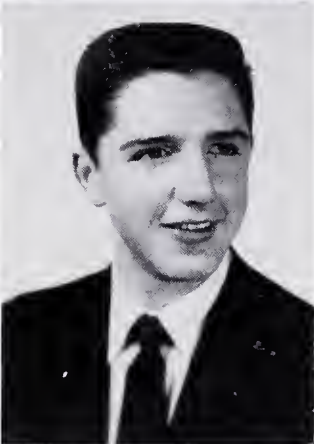
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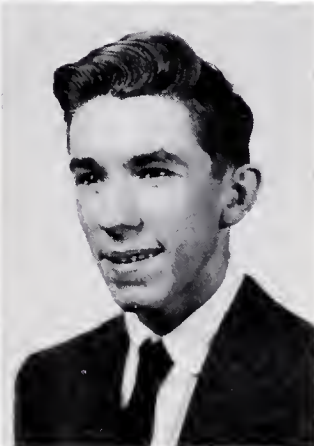
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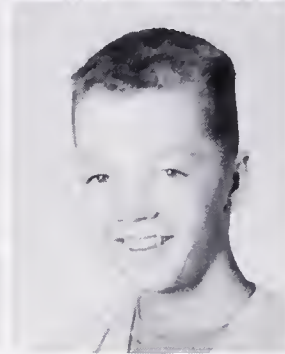
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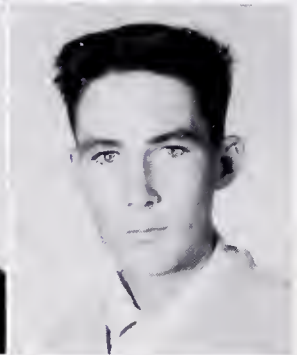


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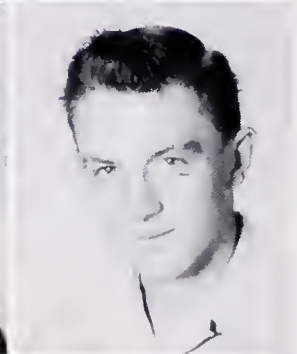
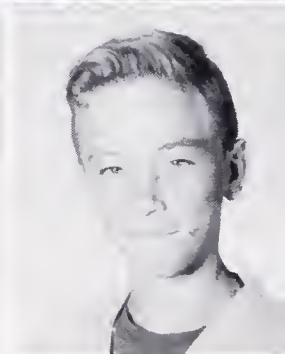


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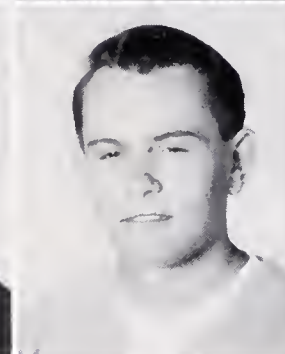
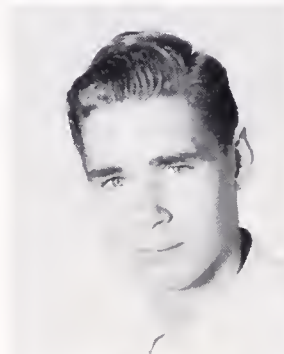


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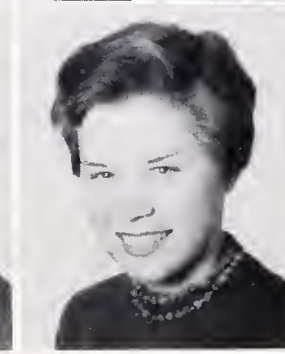


DEANNA HIGHFILL

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Sophomores



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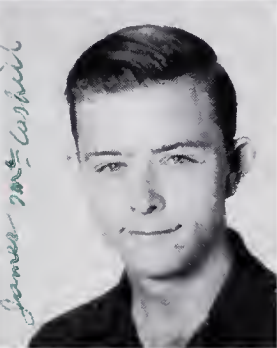


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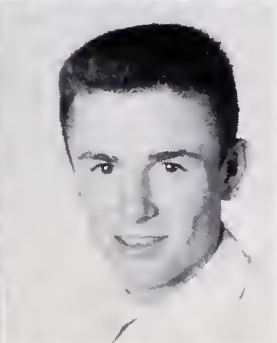


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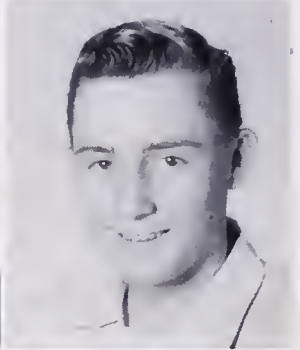
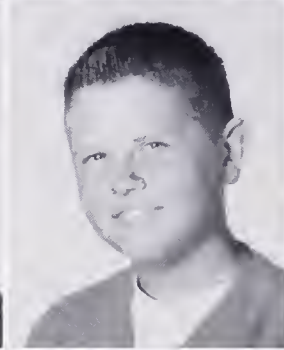
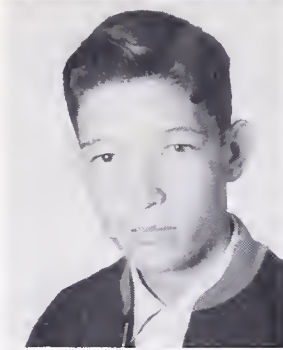


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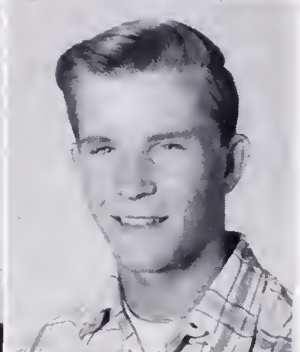
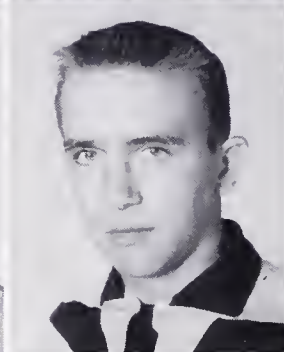
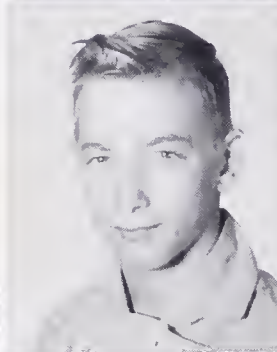


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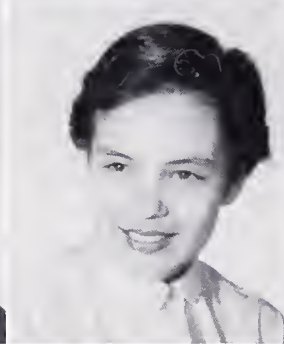
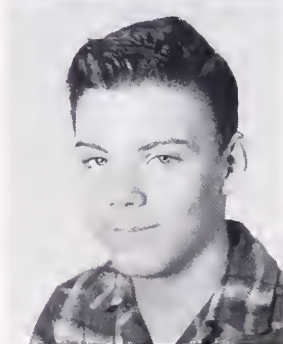


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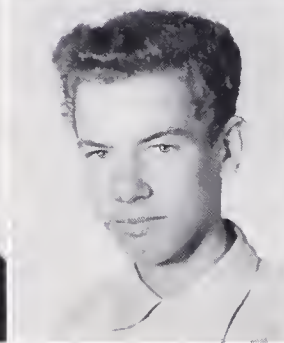
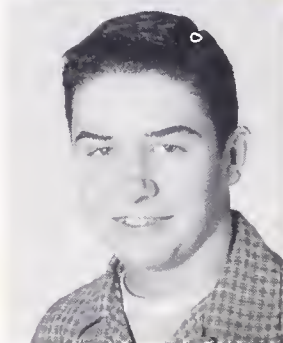


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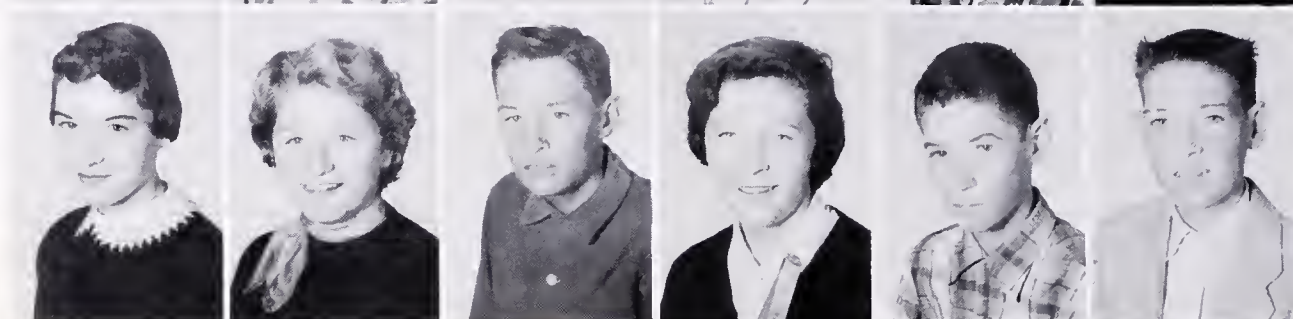
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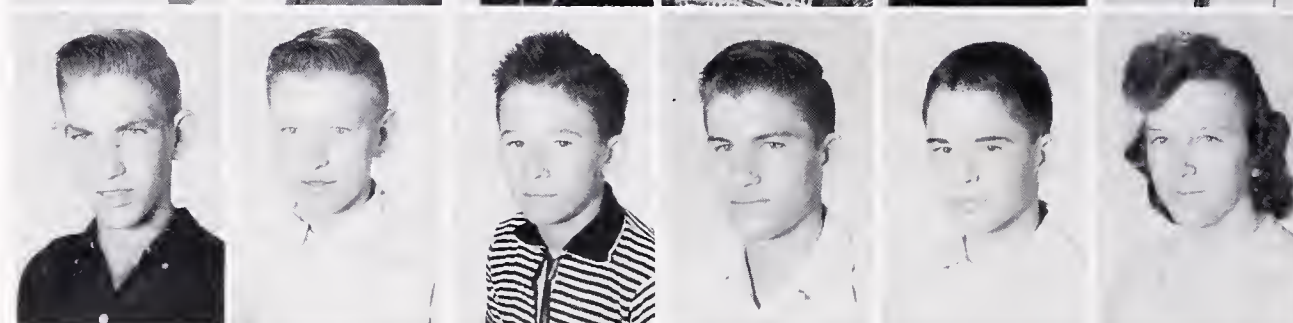
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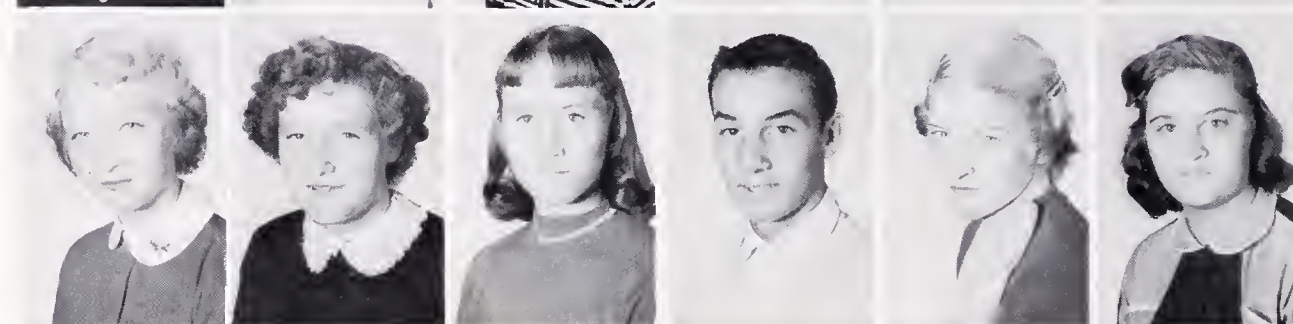
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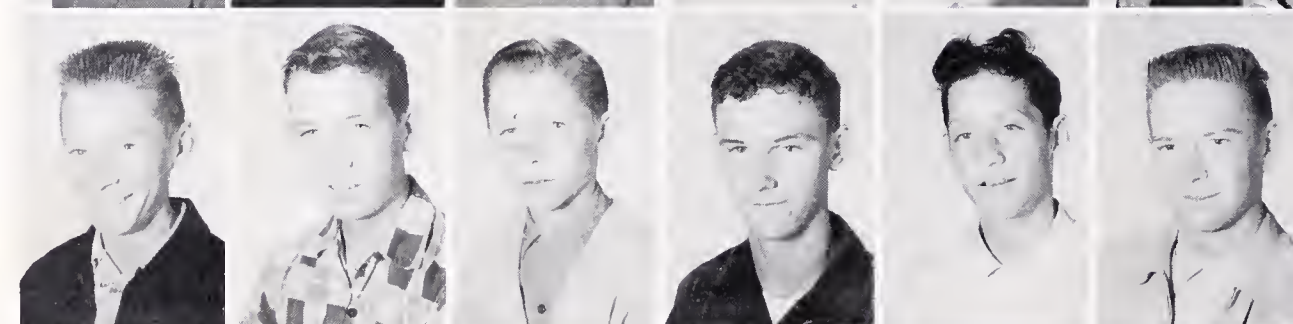
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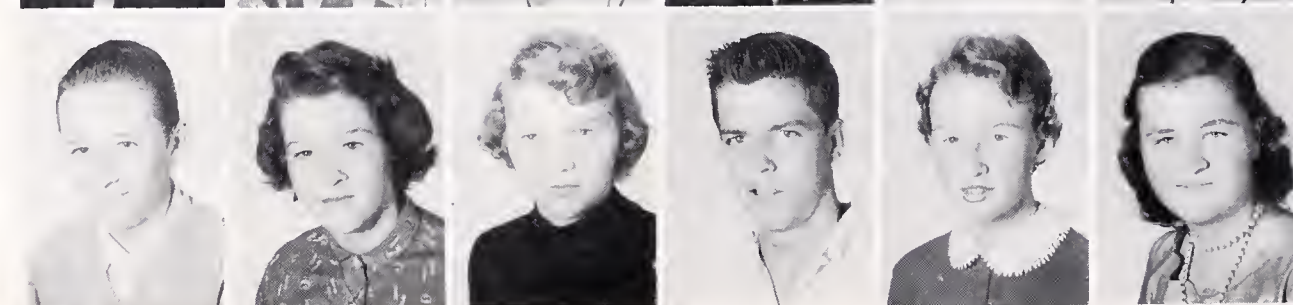
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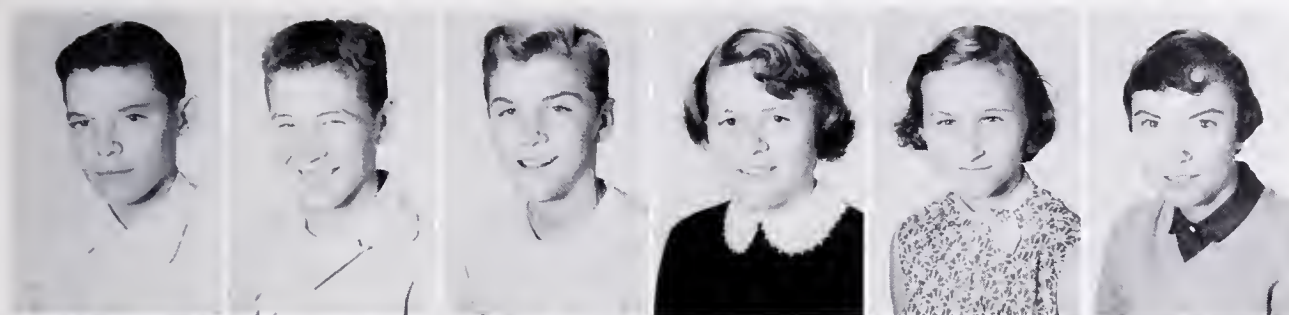
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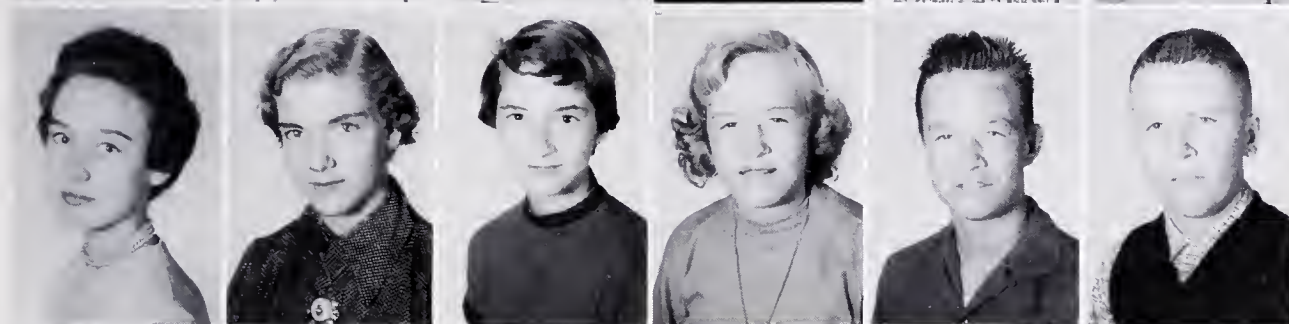
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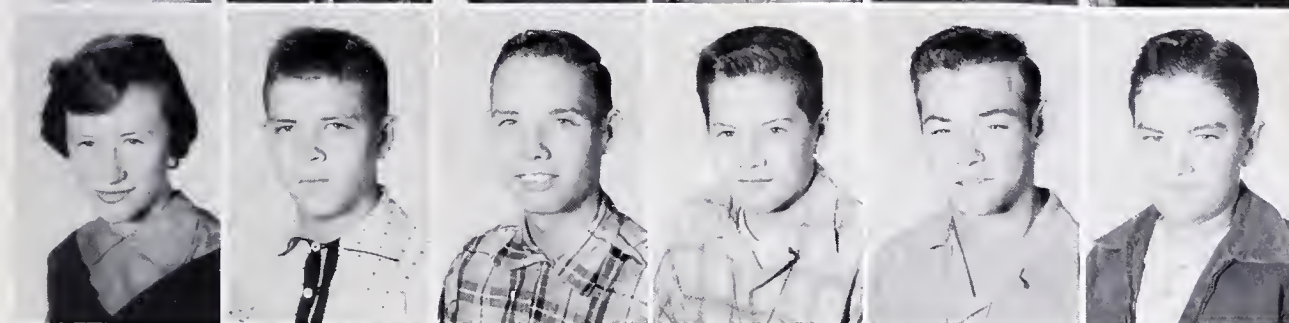
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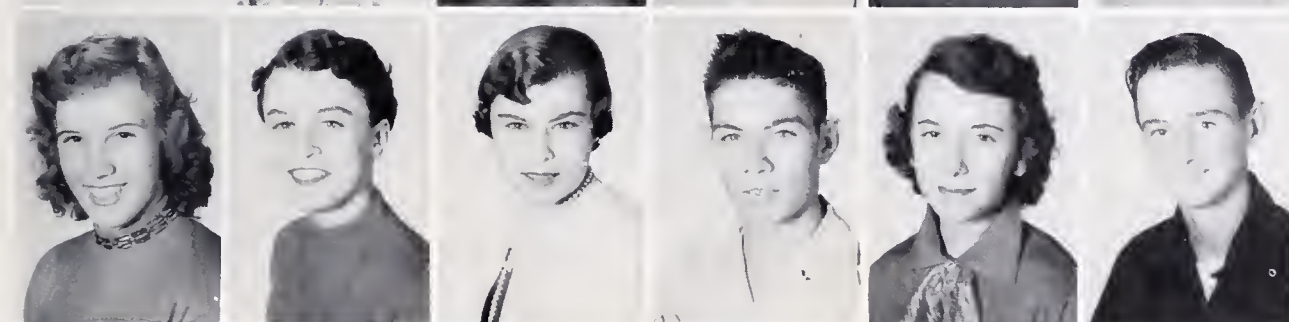
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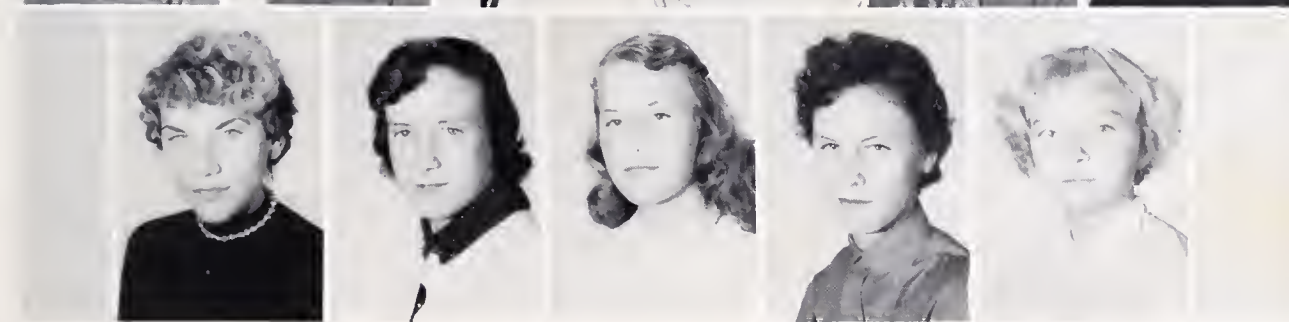
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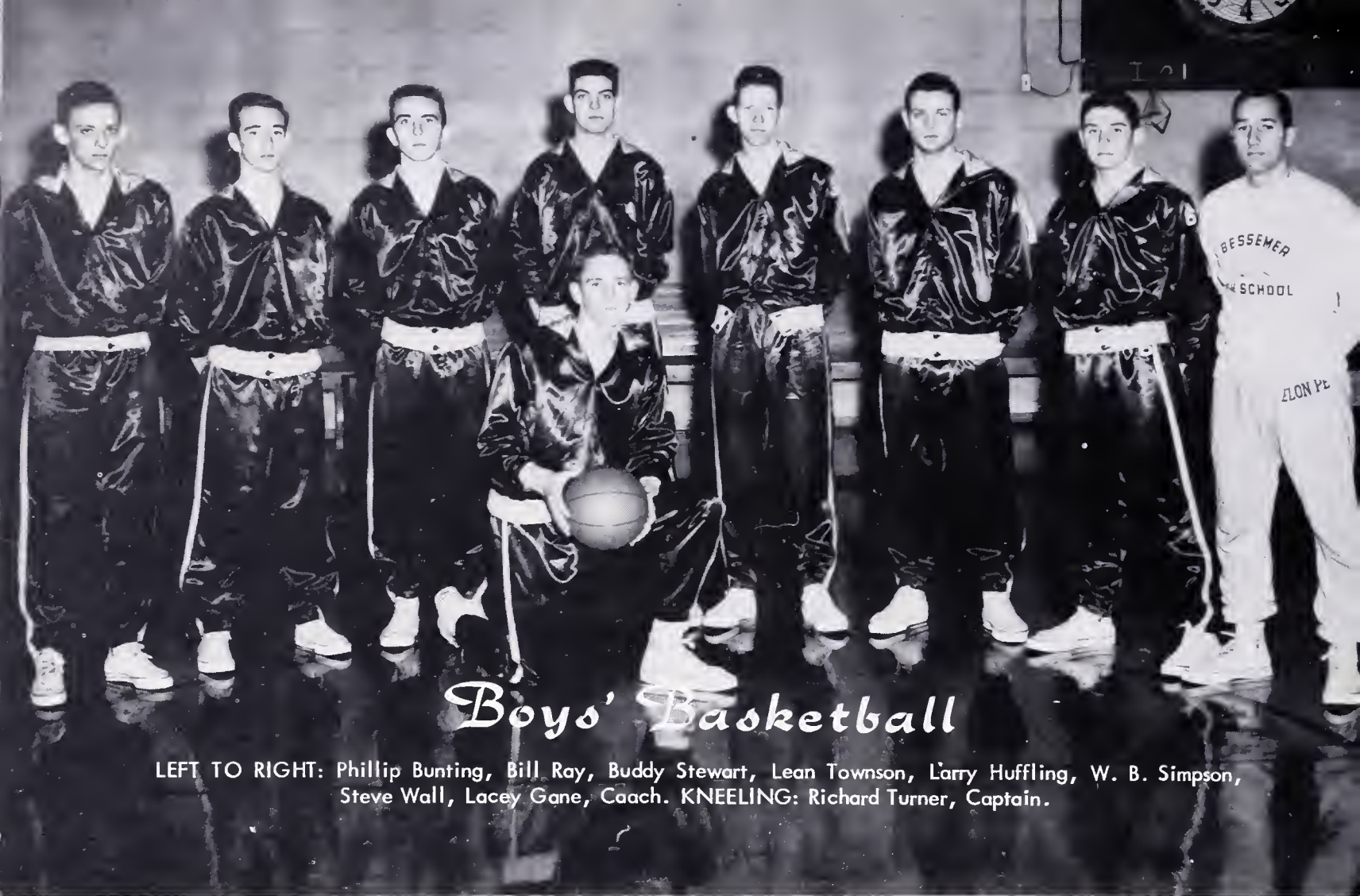
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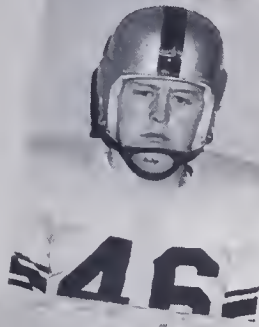


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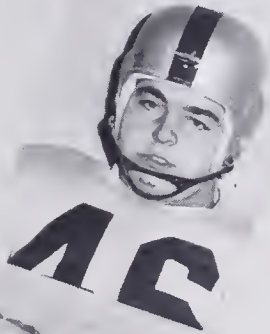


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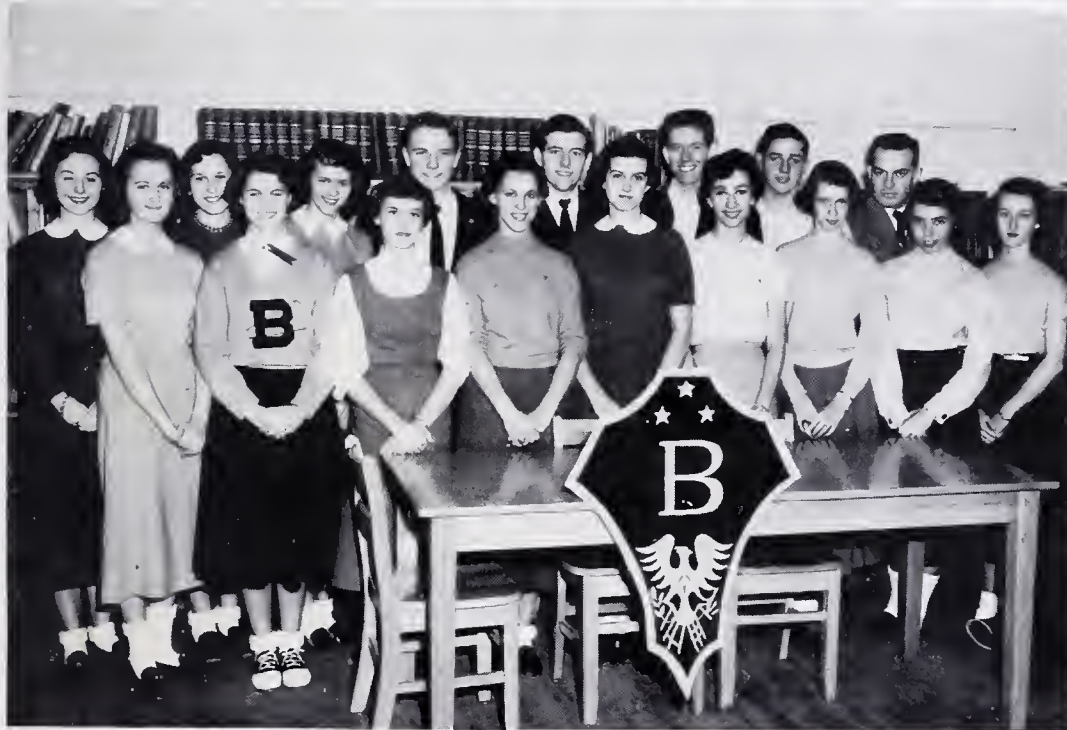
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Words can't say or thank you enough for everything you have done for me. I shall always be grateful and I'll never forget you.

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without you. I guess
that I wouldn't be
graduating in a few
weeks but I do thank
you from the bottom
of my heart and I
wish you the very
best of everything - Betty.

Miss Hemphill, No one can ever express in words what you mean to them or at least I can't. You are a very nice teacher and I have enjoyed being in your class and working with you more than any of my other classes.

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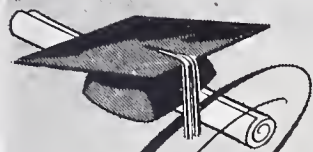
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You are a wonderful
person and teacher.
I sure will miss
you much.
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Here we big you
the best. We certainly
enjoyed your guidance
through these years.
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enjoyed being a student of
yours and will carry a great
love for you in my heart
forever. Thank you for your
help, which brought me to a
greater understanding of English. Love always, Wayne Rayle

Thank you for a
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forget it. Hugs and
for all time, Yours always
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as well and I certainly
enjoyed having you as a
teacher in the 10th grade.

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you are the sweetest teacher
I have.

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I can't think
of any words to tell
you how much I
have enjoyed being
in your classes
for two years. I
hope I have not
been to bad.

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I have enjoyed
having you teach
me English. Best
of luck in the
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the future as you
have in the past.
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Thank you for all
you have done for
me and for all you've
meant to me.
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and hope to have you
again next year. But
even if I don't see you
again I will still
remember you.

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teacher. Aubrey Rich

I am so
glad to have you as
my teacher.

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being in your classes.
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